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Stetin, Decemb. 31.

WE *are making here great Preparations, conſidering the condition of this place, for the Reception of his Electoral Highneſs, who makes his Solemn Entry on the 6th of the next Month: Among the other Ceremonies, it is appointed that two Boyes in Mourning ſhall, without the Gate, Preſent his Electoral Highneſs the one with a Silver Key having theſe words in Golden Letters engraven on it*, Accipe, Serva & Conſerva, (Receive, Keep and Preſerve;) *The other with a Ducal Hat, with theſe words*, Quod Deus dat, (Which God gives;) *Secondly, within the Gate, ſix young Virgins, likewiſe in mourning, are to addreſs themſelves to his Electoral Highneſs: The firſt to Preſent his Electoral Highneſs with a Cypreſs Wreath, with theſe words wrought in with Thread of Gold*, Victori Cruentatam Virginitatem, (A Bloody Virginity to the Victor:) *The ſecond will Preſent three Garlands in a Gilded Scale, with theſe words written round*, Preces pro Benevolentia, (Prayers for Benevolence;) *in each Garland ſhall be a little Hill of Myrrh, and between the three Garlands a Croſs, under which the word* Propè, (Hard by:) *The third is to Preſent to the Electoral Prince, a Hat of Orange leaves with theſe words*, Paterna Virtute Auctam Augendam, (Increaſed by the Fathers Valor ſhall yet be greater:) *The fourth will Preſent to Prince* Louis *an Apple, on which is to be written with Gilded Gloves*, Natura Ætatem, (Nature brings Age:) *The fifth to Prince* Philip William, *a Griffins Claw, with theſe words*, Perge ſine mora, & habes, (Purſue without delay, and you ſhall have:) *The ſixth is to Preſent a Noſegay of Flowers, with theſe words*, Deo Gratias; *And all are to ſay*, Happineſs and long Life to the Elector, and to the Princes and Princeſſes of *Stetin*. *When his Electoral Highneſs alights from his Horſe, twelve other young Gentlewomen of the principal in the Town are upon Carpets to ſtrow green Herbs before his Electoral Highneſs.*

Riga in Livonia, Decemb. 10. We are aſſured that the Army in this Countrey will very ſuddenly march, however the Troops that are to compoſe it, are as yet in their quarters, but the General Rendezvous is appointed to be held on the firſt of *January* near this City; Count *Bent Horne*, who is to command them, is not yet arrived, our laſt Advices telling us, that he was detained by contrary Winds in *Finland*, though his Baggage is arrived at *Reuel*; in caſe he ſtay too long, we are told his Brother Count *Chriſtopher Horne*, Governor of this Province, will take upon him the command of the Army. There is a very fine Train of Artillery prepared, which ſtands ready, and may very eaſily be carried on Sleds. Here is a Report as if the *Lithuanian* General *Patz*, would diſpute the paſſage of our Troops through the *Poliſh* Territories, but it is without any ground. Monſieur *Gabel*, the King of *Denmarks* Envoy to the Czar of *Moſcovy*, is at preſent at *Pleſco*, on the Frontiers of this Province, where he is reſolved to ſtay, as long as the *Moſcovites* will permit him. He hath been very active in his endeavors to perſuade that Court to enter into a War againſt *Sueden*, but without any ſucceſs, thoſe Miniſters being ſufficiently taken up with the War they are entred into with the *Turks*.

Strasburgh, Jan. 7. Our Magiſtrates being very apprehenſive of the deſigns of the *French*, are not wanting in their care and vigilance for the ſafety and ſecurity of this City; and, among other things, have ordered that the Burghers ſhall be exerciſed in Arms, to be made fit for Action, in caſe there be occaſion, which we know not how ſoon may happen; for among the other preparations which the *French* are making for the next Campagne at *Briſac* and *Schleſtadt*, we have an account that they are preparing a great many ſmall Veſſels to be employed as Fireſhips, which we cannot imagine what uſe they intend to put to, unleſs it be to attempt the burning of our Bridge.

Trier, Jan. 7. We have advice that the *French* Troops are drawing together near *Friſdorp* and *St. Avaux*, their deſign we cannot yet learn; there is a Report that the Mareſchal *de Crequi* has Orders to attack the Troops commanded by Count *Caprara*, which are at preſent quartered in the Neighborhood of *Deuxponts*, and to oblige them to repaſs the *Rhine*, but others ſay that he will beſiege ſome place; among theſe various Reports, it is only time that can truly inform us.

Co'ogne, Jan. 11. Since our laſt, our Magiſtrates have given out Commiſſions for the raiſing of ſeveral Companies of Foot, and Troops of Horſe, to reinforce this Gariſon, which is thought to be very neceſſary at this time, when we are ſo full of fears and apprehenſions of the deſigns of the *French*. Three dayes ſince the Regiment of the Marquis *de Grana*, which had been lodged in the Caſtle of *Lechenich*, arrived at *Bonne*; there is now no more talk of reſtoring that City to our Elector, but on the contrary it appears moſt plainly, that the *Imperialiſts* will not part with ſo conſiderable a Paſs on the *Rhine*, till a Peace be concluded, which ſome People ſeem to perſuade themſelves is near at hand. The Letters from above bring nothing of moment, the Troops being everywhere in their Winter-quarters, makes things in all places very quiet. By Letters from *Vienna* we are aſſured, that the Empreſs was three months gone with Child, which occaſioned a very great joy at that Court. We hear nothing of late of the Rebels of *Hungary*, it is not doubted but that they are underhand aſſiſted by the *Turks*, who at the ſame time entertain the Court at *Vienna* with repeated aſſurances of friendſhip and good correſpondence.

Bruſſels, Jan. 7. The *French* keep us in continual Alarm by their motions from place to place, they go on to block up *Mons* on all ſides. Two dayes ſince the Baron *de Quincy* was at *Havre* with 2000 Horſe, and hath put ſtrong Gariſons into all the Caſtles in thoſe Parts; and our Advices from the *French* Conqueſts

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